

ming according to their abilities. One-half of the day they work in the field or shops, the other half they go to school. There are the needed hours for the daily prayers, for play, meals and study.

The majority of Indians eat only two meals a day. As the Hindu gives divine honor to the cow and ox, the Indian, as a rule, eats very little meat. Our children also are brought up accordingly and very rarely eat meat, but in its place get "rotis" or unleavened bread, which has the form of pancakes, is made of wheat flour, water and salt.

With it they receive a dish of beans or peas cooked in Indian fashion. They eat as it is customary only at noon and in the evening, but if they like may retain some bread for the morning. It is surprising how the people labor with so poor a vegetable diet.

Our boys are dressed with a lion cloth and above it a shirt. This simple dress is at the same time in accordance with decency and the climatic condition of the country. A turban is the head-dress customary here and is also given to our boys. It consists a piece of cloth of any color from 10 to 20 yards, which is wound artificially around the head. The bedding consists of a bedstead about one foot from the ground the length of the body, but only on half of the wooden frame covered by a net-work of strings, the part destined for the lower extremities, connected with the frame only by some ropes. The boys need no pillows, only one or two blankets in the cool season. Chairs, kneeling benches, tables, etc., can all be dispensed with, as a matting on the floor answers all purposes. During the hot season we all must sleep in the open air and occasionally a poisonous snake pays us a visit, but, thanks to God, till now no one was hurt. A few weeks ago a large Cobra was on the windowsill of our dining room and as it was already dark, one of our missionaries came within a foot of that dangerous reptile. "Almost miraculously he escaped in time and the animal was killed. Being thus exposed to grievous dangers on all sides, once it is plague, another time cyclones or earthquakes, again we are surrounded by famine and extreme misery, we have indeed reasons to appeal to noble Christ like souls for their charity. His Lordship, Bishop Dr. Fabian